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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

GAURAV MEHTA,  
A/k/a "RICKY,"  
MARY OPOKA, ISHA MEHTA,  
A/k/a ISHA KAMBOJ,  
A/k/a ISHA JOHNSON,

Defendants.

) Criminal No. 14-CR-100 (LEK)  
)  
) **Indictment**  
)  
) Violations: 8 U.S.C. § 1325(c) ; 18 U.S.C.  
) § 1546(a); 18 U.S.C. § 2  
)  
) [Marriage Fraud, Immigration  
) Fraud]  
)  
)  
) 5 Counts  
)  
) County of Offense: Rensselaer

**THE GRAND JURY CHARGES:**

**COUNT 1**  
**[Marriage Fraud]**

On or about October 25, 2011, in Rensselaer County in the Northern District of New York, the defendants, **GAURAV MEHTA, A/k/a, "RICKY,"** a citizen of India, and **MARY OPOKA,** a United States citizen, did knowingly enter into a marriage for the purpose of evading a provision of the immigration law, in that on or about October 25, 2011, the defendants **GAURAV MEHTA, A/k/a, "RICKY,"** a citizen of India, and **MARY OPOKA,** entered into a fraudulent marriage in in Troy, New York for the purpose of obtaining lawful permanent resident status for defendant, **GAURAV MEHTA, A/k/a, "RICKY,"** an alien illegally present in the United States, in violation of Title 8, United States Code, Section 1325(c).

**COUNT 2**  
**[Immigration Fraud]**

Between on or about December 12, 2012 and on or about the date of this indictment, in Rensselaer and Albany Counties in the Northern District of New York, the defendant, **GAURAV MEHTA, A/k/a, "RICKY,"** knowingly obtained, possessed, accepted, and received an alien registration receipt card knowing it to have been procured by means of a false claim and statement and unlawfully obtained, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1546(a) and Section 2.

**COUNT 3**  
**[Immigration Fraud]**

Between on or about October 9, 2012 and on or about the date of this indictment, in Rensselaer and Albany Counties in the Northern District of New York, the defendant, **GAURAV MEHTA, A/k/a, "RICKY,"** knowingly obtained, possessed, accepted, and received a document prescribed by statute and regulation as evidence of authorized employment knowing it to have been procured by a false claim and statement and unlawfully obtained, that is an employment authorization document issued by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services based on the false statements and representations of **GAURAV MEHTA, A/k/a, "RICKY"** that he was married to Mary Opoka, a United States citizen when, as he then well knew, such marriage was fraudulent, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1546(a) and Section 2.

**COUNT 4**  
**[Marriage Fraud]**

On or about January 23, 2013, in Rensselaer County in the Northern District of New York, the defendant, **ISHA MEHTA, A/k/a ISHA KAMBOJ, A/k/a ISHA JOHNSON**, did knowingly enter into a marriage for the purpose of evading a provision of the immigration law, in that on or about January 23, 2013, the defendant **ISHA MEHTA, A/k/a ISHA KAMBOJ, A/k/a ISHA JOHNSON** entered into a fraudulent marriage with B.J., a United States citizen, in Troy, New York for the purpose of obtaining lawful permanent resident status for defendant **ISHA MEHTA, A/k/a ISHA KAMBOJ, A/k/a ISHA JOHNSON**, an alien illegally present in the United States, in violation of Title 8, United States Code, Section 1325(c).

**COUNT 5**  
**[Immigration Fraud]**

Between on or about July 2, 2013 and on or about the date of this indictment, in Albany County in the Northern District of New York, the defendant, **ISHA MEHTA, A/k/a ISHA KAMBOJ, A/k/a ISHA JOHNSON**, knowingly obtained, possessed, accepted, and received a document prescribed by statute and regulation as evidence of authorized employment knowing it to have been procured by a false claim and statement and unlawfully obtained, that is an employment authorization document issued by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services based on the false statements and representations of **ISHA MEHTA, A/k/a ISHA KAMBOJ, A/k/a ISHA JOHNSON**, that she was married to B.J., a United States citizen when, as she then well knew, such marriage was fraudulent, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1546(a) and Section 2.

Dated: March 13, 2014

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Grand Jury Foreperson

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